

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic device comprising:

a support socket; and

a support sensor configured to detect a support connected to said support socket.

2. An electronic device as recited in claim 1, wherein said electronic device changes a mode of operation when a support is detected by said support sensor.

3. An electronic device as recited in claim 2, wherein said electronic device is a camera.

4. An electronic device as recited in claim 3, wherein said camera is a digital camera.

5. An electronic device as recited in claim 2, wherein said changed mode of operation includes disabling an image stabilization apparatus.

6. An electronic device as recited in claim 5, wherein said electronic device is a camera.

7. An electronic device as recited in claim 5, wherein said electronic device is a pair of image stabilized binoculars.

8. An electronic device as recited in claim 2, wherein said electronic device is configured such that a user may disable said device from changing said mode of operation.

9. An electronic device as recited in claim 2, wherein said support socket is a ¼ inch - 20 threaded tripod socket.

10. An electronic device as recited in claim 2, wherein said support socket is a 3/8 inch threaded tripod socket.

11. An electronic device as recited in claim 2, wherein said support socket is a tripod quick release plate.

12. An electronic device as recited in claim 2, wherein said changed mode of operation includes changing a first shutter speed to a second shutter speed, and changing a first aperture to a second aperture.

13. An electronic device as recited in claim 12, wherein said second shutter speed is

2 slower than said first shutter speed, and said second aperture is smaller than said  
first aperture.

14. A quick release plate comprising:

2 a support sensor configured to detect when said quick release plate is attached to a  
support; and

4 a signal port connected to said support sensor configured to non-permanently  
electrically connect to a device signal port, wherein an electronic device changes a  
6 mode of operation when said quick release plate is attached to said support.

15. A quick release plate as recited in claim 14, wherein said electronic device is a  
2 camera.

16. A quick release plate as recited in claim 15, wherein said camera is a digital camera.

17. An electronic device comprising:

2 means for attaching said electronic device to a support;

means for detecting when said device is attached to said support; and

4 means for changing a mode of operation of said device when said device is attached  
to said support.

18. An electronic device as recited in claim 17, wherein said electronic device is a  
2 camera.

19. An electronic device as recited in claim 18, wherein said camera is a digital camera.

20. An electronic device as recited in claim 17, wherein said means for changing a mode  
2 of operation includes disabling an image stabilization apparatus.

21. An electronic device as recited in claim 20, wherein said electronic device is a pair of  
2 image stabilized binoculars.

22. An electronic device as recited in claim 20, wherein said electronic device is a  
2 camera.

23. An electronic device as recited in claim 17, wherein said means for attaching is a ¼  
2 inch - 20 threaded tripod socket.

24. An electronic device as recited in claim 17, wherein said means for attaching is a 3/8  
2 inch threaded tripod socket.

25. An electronic device as recited in claim 17, wherein said means for attaching is a  
2 tripod quick release plate.

26. An electronic device as recited in claim 17, wherein said changed mode of operation  
2 includes changing a first shutter speed to a second shutter speed, and changing a  
first aperture to a second aperture.

27. An electronic device as recited in claim 26, wherein said second shutter speed is  
2 slower than said first shutter speed, and said second aperture is smaller than said  
first aperture.

28. A quick release plate comprising:  
2 means for attaching said plate to a support;  
means for attaching an electronic device to said plate;  
4 means for detecting when said plate is attached to said support; and  
means for changing a mode of operation of said electronic device when said plate is  
6 attached to said support.

29. A quick release plate as recited in claim 28, wherein said electronic device is a  
2 camera.

30. A quick release plate as recited in claim 29, wherein said camera is a digital camera.

31. A quick release plate as recited in claim 28, wherein said means for detection  
2 comprises a spring-loaded pin.

32. A method for changing a mode of operation in an electronic device comprising the  
2 steps of:

- a) detecting the presence of a support attached to a support socket;
- 4 b) selecting a first mode of operation when no support is detected; and
- c) selecting a second mode of operation when a support is detected.

33. A method for changing a mode of operation in an electronic device as recited in claim  
2 32, wherein said first mode of operation includes a first shutter speed and a first  
aperture, and said second mode of operation includes a second shutter speed and a  
4 second aperture.

34. A method for changing a mode of operation in an electronic device as recited in claim  
2 33, wherein said second shutter speed is slower than said first shutter speed, and said  
second aperture is smaller than said first aperture.

35. A method for changing a mode of operation in an electronic device as recited in claim  
2 32, wherein said electronic device is a camera.

36. A method for changing a mode of operation in an electronic device as recited in claim  
2 35, wherein said camera is a digital camera.